A.—(a) Rs. 95,626 (arrears and current inclusive).

(b) It is presumed that the hon. Member refers to last fasli and the fasli previous to it, viz., faslis 1341 and 1342. Information is available only in respect of the number of defaulters whose lands were attached and of the number of defaulters whose lands were sold for realizing the arrears of fasli 1341. The information is given below:—

Number of defaulters in South Kanara district whose lands were attached 823

Number of defaulters in the South Kanara district whose lands were sold 89

The extent of land attached is 10,337 acres. The extent of land sold was 330 acres. The information has not yet been received for fasli 1342.

Protection of wild birds and animals

Persons killed by man-eating tigers in the reserves of Coondapoor taluk.

* 362 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of persons killed this year by man-eating tigers in the reserves of Coondapoor taluk in South Kanara; and

(b) the action taken by the Government in this matter?

A.—The Government have not the information but have called for a report.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I know whether the Government are giving special rewards for destroying man-eaters?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I believe so, Sir."

Public Service

Typewriting, a compulsory qualification for employment as clerks.

* 363 Q.—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether orders have been passed recently making the typewriting qualification compulsory for persons to be employed as clerks under the Government from 1st January 1934;

(b) what the reasons are for such an order; and

(c) whether they will be given the present scale of pay only, or any special pay in addition?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Government consider that the usefulness of clerks will be materially enhanced if they possess typewriting qualification in addition to general educational qualification.

(c) No special pay will be given.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—"Will the hon. Member be pleased to state whether any special pay was given previously to the clerks possessing typewriting qualifications?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"At one time special pay was given to clerks possessing typewriting qualifications."

Diwan Bahadur M. GOPALASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask whether it is contemplated to give any extra allowance for this additional qualification?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"No, Sir."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"Will the hon. Member be pleased to state approximately the proportion of clerks who are required to have typewriting qualifications in an office of, say, 100 clerks?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I must ask for notice of the question."

Recruitment of candidates by the Madras Services Commission.

* 364 *Q.*—Mr. M. S. SRESHTA: With reference to the answer given by the hon. the Member for Revenue to my supplementary questions on my short notice question on the above subject of the 24th February 1933 (vide page 46 of volume 65, No. 1) that the Madras Services Commission were asked in March 1932 whether they could take over recruitment to further appointments, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any reply has been received from them;

(*b*) if so, what the terms of the reply are; and

(*c*) with reference to his reply to the further supplementary question under the same question and on the same date that he would be prepared to consult the Madras Services Commission whether the system of selection by competitive examination with an interview or with marks for *viva voce* can be extended, what the result was of the consultation?

A.—(*a*) The Commission's reply has just been received and is under consideration.

(*b*) The Commission has expressed its willingness to undertake recruitment to several posts.

(*c*) The question has been referred to the Madras Services Commission and their views in the matter are awaited.

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—"May I ask whether the reply of the Commissioners will be placed on the table of the House when it is received?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I will consider the question."